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Remarks

This Amendment is being submitted with the Request for Continued Examination filed herewith in reply to the Final Office Action dated August 20, 2004 and the Advisory Action dated January 24, 2005. Claims 2-5 and 7-27 are pending in the application, and claims 2-5 and 7-27 have been rejected by the Examiner.

In the Advisory Action, the Examiner stated that the features upon which Applicants rely (i.e., "a replaceable bag of chemicals") are not recited in the rejected claims. Applicants respectfully submit that a replaceable bag of chemicals is recited in claims 22-27. Specifically, claim 22 recites "said permeable bag being replaceable when said cyanuric acid has been depleted within said permeable bag". Claim 23 recites "wherein said permeable bag containing said cyanuric acid is replaced with a new permeable bag containing cyanuric acid when said cyanuric acid has been depleted from said permeable bag". Claims 24 and 25 recite "wherein said bag containing said cyanuric acid may be replaced with a new bag containing cyanuric acid when said cyanuric acid has been depleted from said bag". Claims 26 and 27 recite "wherein said permeable bag may be replaced with a new permeable bag containing cyanuric acid when said cyanuric acid has been depleted from said permeable bag". Reconsideration of these claims is respectfully requested.

With regard to claims 2, 7, 11, 16, and 22, the Examiner stated that a chemical consisting essentially of cyanuric acid consists of other chemicals. Claims 2, 7, 11, 16, and 22 have been amended to recite a chemical consisting of cyanuric acid. The transitional phrase "consisting of" excludes any element, step, or ingredient not specified in the claim. Therefore, chemicals other than cyanuric acid, except for impurities ordinarily associated therewith, are excluded from these claims.

With regard to claim 19, a desired quantity of cyanuric acid is placed into a permeable bag and the permeable bag is sealed to contain the cyanuric acid. None of the cited prior art

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references teach or even suggest sealing a permeable bag containing cyanuric acid. Claims 20 and 21 depend upon claim 19. Reconsideration of claims 19-21 is respectfully requested.

Favorable consideration of this Amendment is respectfully requested. The Examiner is welcome to contact the undersigned representative for the Applicants should the Examiner wish to discuss this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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